

Van Vorst House
531 Palisade Avenue
Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey

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Owner: John A. Byrne

Date of Erection: About the middle of the eighteenth
century

Architect:

Builder: By tradition a member of the Van Vorst
family

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - bluestone,
one story brick addition of
later date in rear

Interior walls - plaster on
lath; wainscoting in dining
room with alternate strips
of mahogany and maple

Inside stone chimneys with
brick tops

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

It is claimed that the present owner is the
sixth person to hold title to this property; we have
no definite proof of this. He purchased in 1936 from
Elizabeth Stahl who with her husband held title from
1901 when they had purchased from David H. Tuttle.
The property came into the possession of Daniel Tuttle
in 1866. He bought from Augusta Waugh in that same

year. She received title in 1859 from John Van Vorst who obtained the property through a division of the estate of his father John. This John received the property in turn from his father Cornelius whose will was made in 1818. We have not been able to ascertain when or how Cornelius received title to the property. In the early nineteenth century the section was referred to as Showhank Hill.

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court records by Frank P. Caufield,
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